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In re Application of:)
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Tamotsu SAKURABA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2625
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Application No.: 10/802,858)
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) Examiner: McLean, Neil R.
For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE,)
IMAGE FORMING METHOD,)
DOCUMENT MANAGING)
SYSTEM, DOCUMENT)
MANAGING METHOD, IMAGE) Confirmation No.: 7724
FORMING PROGRAM, AND)
COMPUTER READABLE)
RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH)
THE IMAGE FORMING)
PROGRAM IS RECORDED)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicants file this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time of filing this IDS. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Applicants have attached a copy of a communication mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on February 24, 2009 in a counterpart Japanese application. Applicants also submit an English-language translation of the communication.

Applicants have also attached a copy of JP-A-2000-285203 and an English language abstract. Applicants note that JP-A-2002-337426 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,827,279, and this patent was cited by the Examiner on the PTO-892 form mailed September 15, 2008. Therefore, a copy of this document is not attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status such documents.

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